



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Inventor(s) : Hideki KADO *et al.*
Serial Number : 10/611,967
Filed : July 3, 2003
For : FORWARD/BACKWARD SWITCHING CONTROL
: APPARATUS FOR HYDRAULIC DRIVE VEHICLE, AND
: CONTROL METHOD
Examiner : Igor Kershteyn
Group Art Unit : 3745

PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

The Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 31, 2004

Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.17 and 1.136, applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time for filing a response to the Official action mailed October 1, 2004, which set forth a three-month period for response. This petition for a one-month extension of time extends the due date for response to February 1, 2005.

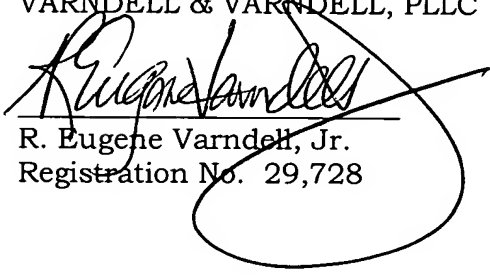
A check in the amount of \$120.00 (ONE HUNDRED TWENTY DOLLARS) for this one-month extension of time fee is enclosed. In the event this paper is not timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee therefor, as well as any deficiency in the payment of the required fee(s) or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 22-0256.

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